## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the Heading at line 1, page 1 of the specification as follows: ~~DESCRIPTOIN~~ DESCRIPTION

On page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/00680 which has an International filing date of February 17, 1999, which designated the United States of America.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6 as follows:

In the inflator for the air bag, the method of the present invention reduces ~~Nox~~ NOx, generated by the combustion of the gas generating agent, using a reducing material or its decomposition products, and reduces the amount of these NOx.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8, beginning on page 7, line 22, to page 8, line 5 as follows:

The present invention further provides an air bag system comprising the inflator, an impact sensor, control means for

inputting a detective signal and outputting an operation signal to the ignition means of the inflator and an air bag. The present invention further provides a method of reducing ~~Nox~~ NOx, generated by the combustion of the gas generating agent, using a reducing material and reducing their amount adopted bin the air bag system.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1 to line 19 as follows:

The reducing material used in the present invention preferably has high thermal stability and readily ~~to generate~~ generates radicals upon decomposition as described above. Such a reducing material is at least one member selected from the group consisting of amide compounds such as azodicarbonamide (ADCA) and biurea; guanidine derivatives such as dicyandiamide (DCDA) and guanidine nitrate; tetrazole derivatives such as 5-aminotetrazole (5-AT) and 5-aminotetrazole metal salts; bitetrazole derivatives such as bitetrazol, bitetrazole metal salts and bitetrazole ammonium salts; hydrazine derivatives, e.g., trihydrazinotriazine (THT), carbohydrazide (CDH) complex such as $Mg(CDH)_3(NO_3)_2$, $Zn(CDH)_3(NO_3)_2$, and $Mn(CDH)_3(NO_3)_2$, hydrazine complex and oxalyldihydrazide; triazine derivatives such as melamine; salts of hydroxylamine such as hydroxylamine oxalate and sodium salts such as sodium oxalate;

cyanates such as sodium cyanate; ammonium salts such as ammonium molybdate; ~~ammine~~ amine complexes such as $Cu(NH_3)_4(NO_3)_2$, $Co(NH_3)_6(NO_3)_3$ and $Zn(NH_3)_2(NO_3)_2$; and dicyanamide salts such as sodium dicyanamide.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, beginning at line 14 to line 18 as follows:

In the NOx reducing method according to the present invention, if a sufficient contact can be kept between the reducing material and the generated ~~Nox~~ NOx, the position where the reducing material is placed is not limited in particular, as long as it is placed inside the inflator.